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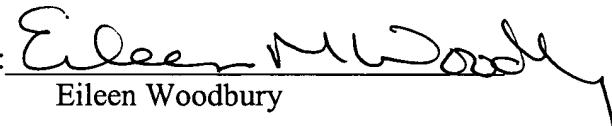
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FOR: TREATMENT OF CONDITIONS AND DISEASE

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit herewith the following response to the Office Communication dated April 15, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that consideration and examination of the two groups specified in the Restriction should not impose an undue burden.

Additionally, significant expense and time would be saved if the two groups (i.e., all pending claims) were searched and examined at this time.



Nonetheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 275-283, 287, and 289-296, drawn to methods comprising various protocols to treat cancer comprising administration of hyaluronic acid (HA) in combination with other pharmaceutical agents.

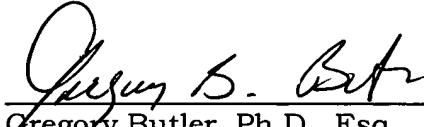
The election of Group I is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Applicants further respectfully request that rejoinder of the two groups be considered by the Examiner following the search.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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